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SUBJECT: NEGATIVE COMMENTS OF CP PERU SECRETARY

1. SUMMARY. ARTICLE IN JULY 4 PRAVDA PRESENTS EXCEPTION TO GENERAL LINE OF SOVIET SUPPORT FOR STATE OF EMERGENCY MEASURES DECLARED BY PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. JULY 4 PRAVDA CARRIES LIMA DATELINED ARTICLE BY SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT, V. LISTOV, WHICH REPEATS GENERAL SOVIET PRESS LINE OF SUPPORT FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT, BUT WHICH ADDS DISTINCT CAVEAT IN FORM OF REPORTED REMARKS OF GENERAL SECRETARY OF CC OF CP PERU, JORGE DEL PRADO.

3. HERE IS AN OUTLINE OF PRADO'S QUOTED REMARKS:
--NEW ECONOMIC MEASURES OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TOUCH WORKING CLASS AND WHOLE PERUVIAN PEOPLE. WORKERS AND NOT CAPITALISTS HAVE TO BEAR ON THEIR SHOULDERS PRIMARY BURDEN OF ECONOMIC CRISIS. CP CONSIDERS "SOME" OF THESE MEASURES TO HAVE A "NEGATIVE CHARACTER." THESE MUST BE RE-EXAMINED AND CHANGED.
--WHILE DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES WAS NECESSARY, MEASURES STILL "PAINFULLY HIT" WORKING MASSES. IT WOULD HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE TO HAVE AVOIDED THESE STEPS HAD GOVERNMENT NOT

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DISPLAYED SUCH VACILLATION WITH REGARD TO DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC

COOPERATION WITH SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, AND HAD RELIED MORE ON COOPERATION WITH "WORKERS" AND DEMOCRATIC ORGANIZATIONS."
--LOCAL COUNTER-REVOLUTION AND IMPERIALISM ARE ATTEMPTING TO PLAY ON POPULAR DISSATISFACTION. UTILIZING "CONTRADICTIONS WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF," IMPERIALISM AND REACTION ARE WEAVING A BROAD COUNTER-REVOLUTIONARY PLOT AGAINST REGIME. THUS, THE PREVIOUS STREET DISORDERS SERVE THE RIGHTIST GOAL OF DESTABILIZING THE REGIME.

COMMENT: PRADO'S REMARKS WILL SEEM JARRING TO SOVIET READERS WHO HAVE BEEN FED STEADY DIET OF STORIES ON EFFORT OF PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST ATTEMPTS BY IMPERIALISTS, REACTIONARIES, ETAL, TO TURN PERU'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INTO ANTI-REGIME FORCE. PRAVDA'S REPRINTING PRADO'S CRITICISM SUGGESTS SOVIETS FEEL THAT PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT HAS MADE MISTAKES IN HANDLING OF ECONOMIC SITUATION. HANDWRITING, AT LEAST PRADO'S HANDWRITING, IS NOW ON WALL FOR BOTH PERUVIAN GOVERNMENT AND SOVIET PUBLIC TO SEE. THUS, WHILE SOVIET PUBLIC LINE REMAINS ONE OF SUPPORT FOR REGIME'S EFFORT TO BRING SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, STAGE HAS BEEN SET FOR SHIFT OF THIS SUPPORT SHOULD SITUATION DETERIORATE TOO FAR.
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